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# THE **PUNISHER** **2099**



# DEATH IN THE DARK

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MORGAN  
+ J. PALMIOTTI 23

HIS FAMILY WAS MURDERED BY A PSYCHOPATH IN AN AGE WHERE JUSTICE CAN BE BOUGHT AND NO ONE BELIEVES IN OLD-FASHIONED PUNISHMENT ANYMORE... NO ONE EXCEPT JAKE GALLOWS... A WEAPONS SPECIALIST IN THE PUBLIC EYE POLICE FORCE BY DAY, AT NIGHT HE IS INCORRUPTIBLE JUSTICE.

STAN LEE PRESENTS:

# THE PUNISHER 2054

REMAINING AUTO-GUNS TAKEN OUT, MR. SLITHAR, EIGHT MEN DOWN, SIX LEFT.

HOW UNFORTUNATE... MY BOWS WILL BE AFFECTED...

HOWEVER, TERMINATING MR. PUNISHER HERE SHOULD MAKE UP FOR IT.

I'LL GET A PLAT CARD OUT OF THIS... AND SOME OF YOU GUYS SHOULD BE COMING UP FOR GOLD.

COME ON, SLITHAR... SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO DIE, TOO, YOU WON'T GET PAID EXTRA FOR KILLING HER.

TRUE BUT I HAPPEN TO ENJOY MY WORK.

GOODBYE!

HEY--PUN... DO I GET A GOLD CARD FOR THIS...?

AARSH!

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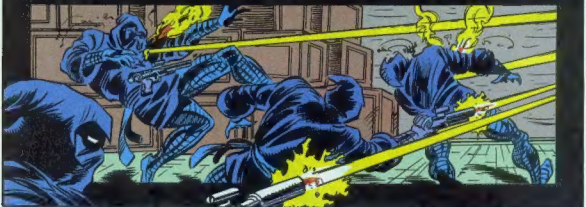
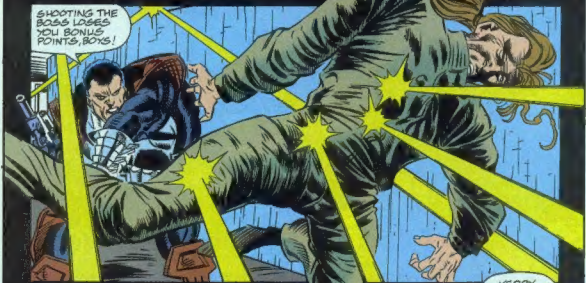
# LOVE AND BULLETS PASSION

PART  
TWO

PAT MILLS & TONY SKINNER -- WRITERS  
TONY MORGAN -- PENCILER  
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NIGHT-SIGHTS  
ON...! I'M TAKING  
OUT THE  
LIGHTS...!

SHOCK IT! I HAVEN'T  
GOT NIGHT VISION...

AND I CAN'T SHOUT  
AN OVER-RIDE  
COMMAND TO HOUSE  
DEFENSES FOR  
EMERGENCY LIGHTING...

BECAUSE  
THEY'LL  
KNOW WHERE  
I AM...

THZZZZZ  
...AND THESE  
AREN'T ORDI-  
NARY STREET  
THUGS. THEY'RE  
HIGHLY  
TRAINED  
TECHNO-  
KILLERS.

HEAT-  
SEEKING  
SHURIKEN  
GRENADE!  
I CAN  
HEAR IT...

THUNK

AAAAHHH!





DOM...?  
JACEY...? ARE  
YOU OKAY?

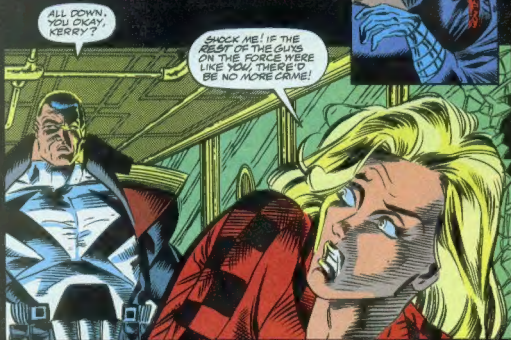


NOW I KNOW  
WHERE YOU  
ARE, CREEP.

AAAKSHN!



HOUSE DEFENSES.  
CODE THREE  
EMERGENCY...  
LIGHTS ON!



ALL DOWN.  
YOU OKAY,  
KERRY?

SHOCK ME! IF THE  
REST OF THE GUYS  
ON THE FORCE WERE  
LIKE YOU, THERE'D  
BE NO MORE CRIME!







MAYBE YOU SHOULD LET THE REST OF THEM GO, JAKE?

YEAH... I KNOW IT...

WHAT I DID SEEMED TO MAKE SENSE... BUT AS THE PAIN IN MY GUT GOES, I'M SEEING THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

I'M STILL HURT... BUT YOU'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE, KERRY. I DON'T FEEL I NEED TO DO THIS ANYMORE.

THE WORLD ISN'T SUCH A SICK PLACE JAKE... THERE IS HOPE...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ALONE ANYMORE...

KEEP TALKING, I'M HEARING YOU.

YOU'VE GOT ME--IF YOU WANT ME.

WANT YOU...? I NEED YOU.

HEY...LET'S  
CHILL OUT...  
YOU INTO  
V.R.?

YOU GOT  
THE  
GEAR...?

BETTER THAN  
THAT, I'VE A  
WHOLE ROOM.

IT'S TOP OF THE  
LINE STUFF...100%  
CONVINCING...I WAS  
GOING TO USE IT FOR  
INTERROGATION...

...BUT I  
THINK DOING  
FUN IS MORE  
IMPORTANT.

WOW!  
IMPRESSIVE!

LET'S HAVE A LOOK  
AT THE PLEASURE  
SECTION...NEVER  
CHECKED IT BEFORE...

WHAT DO YOU CARE  
FOR? VENUSIAN HONEY-  
MOON... "PASSION  
DESERTS OF MARS"...  
"SATURN SATURNALIA..."

WOW! YOU'RE  
A  
"NATURAL!"

YEP, IT'S ALL ME.  
NO SURGERY ON  
THIS BOD. JUST  
HARD WORK KEEPS  
ME IN SHAPE.

"PASSION DESERTS  
OF MARS"...EH...?  
HMM...LET'S CHANGE  
INTO ROLE...

# BULPEN BULLETINS

## TOM TALKS

Heilo, again!

A funny thing happened to me the other day at my friendly neighborhood comic book store. I was struck by the most uncanny revelation while looking over our ever-increasing competition. Large X's seemed to overflow the comic book racks, sweeping across them like an unstoppable tidal wave.

Sure, I realize that Marvel publishes X-MEN, UNCANNY X-MEN, CLASSIC X-MEN, X-MEN UNLIMITED, X-MEN ADVENTURES, X-FORCE and a few dozen other X-titles whenever time permits, but I'm not talking about our titles.

I'm referring to all of the other guys who are publishing comics featuring big X's plastered across their covers. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, I guess Marvel must be the most flattered comics company of all!

Curious as to how much praise our illustrious imitators wanted to heap on us, I spent an enjoyable few minutes flipping through their titles, and noting other similarities. It was great fun! Not only did I instantly spot half a dozen berserk, healing-factored, clawed individuals, but I also saw a couple of red, white and blue shield slingers as well!

Needless to say, we here at mighty Marvel are thrilled by all of the kind and thoughtful attention it just goes to show, we blushingly admit, that our comics are still the standard by which all others are judged!

And speaking of judging, I think this calls for a contest! Every time you spot a character or comic book title which is obviously based on one of ours, I'd like you to send a letter to us ... and to the other publisher. We'll award Official Marvel No-prizes to the best letters, and I'm certain that the other publishers will have some kind words for you as well.

Mail all entries to:

The Mighty Marvel Mimic Contest  
90 Marvel Comics  
387 Park Avenue South  
New York, NY 10016

As for the other publishers, mail their entries to:  
The Mighty Marvel Mimic Contest  
90 Their name and address

(And tell them that Two-fisted Tom sent you.)  
The purpose of this contest is to have a little fun, not to insult or embarrass any one of our captivating copiers. Please keep your letters polite and clever. There's never an excuse for rudeness!

Thanks for being there!

Tom D.

Here we are, several weeks into the summer, and we haven't done one of those traditional "ode to summer" pages yet.

So we asked our creative folk how their characters would spend their summer vacations if super heroes



were allowed to take a holiday. Here's what they had to say.

Ultra-prolific writer **Gerry Jones** gave us two answers. "Wonder Man would do 'Death of a Salesman' in summer stock. It would be the first time where instead of just dying, Willie Loman would go off in an ionic blast." As for Hulk 2099, whom Gerry writes every three months in 2099 UNLIMITED, "He would go down to the lifeless sands of polluted California, and basking under the irradiated skies of the ozoneless future, toast himself a golden green!"

Gerry's partner on **Wonder Man**, penciler **Jeff Johnson**, has a different acting gig in mind for Simon Williams. Jeff said Wonder Man would spend his summer "guest-starring on 90210!" [Sounds like a dangerous job! That Shannon Doherty is one tough customer!]

**AKIRA** translator **Jo Duffy** said that the cast of that series would most likely "visit and destroy by telekinesis various lovely cibles around the world."

The writing duo of **Pat Miller** and **Tony Skinner** write two of the 2099 books. [Together, that makes 4198!] These trav-

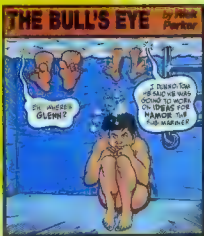
el agents of the future have lots of activities lined up for their characters. Noted Pat and Tony, "Punisher 2099 would open up another wing of his Punishment Hotel — building a bigger sewer for more scum. And Ravage would go on safari and wrestle lions and head-but rhinos."

**Ron Goulart**, who comes to us from the alternate future of **WILLIAM SHATNER'S TEKworld**, said of the hero of that book, "Jake Cardigan doesn't take vacations. The last time he tried, five separate Tek cartels tried to ambush him!"

Wat behind the ears **NAMOR** scribes **Glenn Herdling** said the one true Sub-Mariner would "go to Sea-World to spend his vacation with a few relatives!"

Finally, we have **MAD DOG** artist **Ty Templeton**, who said that Bob McCay's classic canine hero would "do one of two things: he'd either go on a good will tour of the fire hydrants of New England, or he'd recuperate from a particularly unpleasant de-arming!"

We don't know about you, but this page has given us lots of neat ideas on how to spend our own vacation!



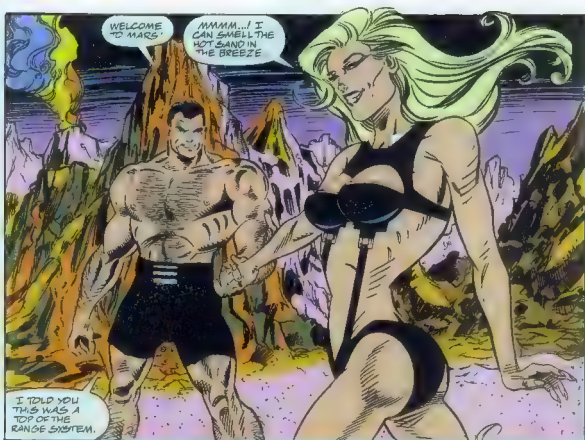
## HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- ☐ **AKIRA #36:** Back by popular demand!
- ☐ **AVENGERS: TERMINATRIX OBJECTIVE #1** of 4: With Thunderstrike, USAgent and War Machine!
- ☐ **BARBIE FASHION #33:** Barbie hits the night notes at a jazz festivo!
- ☐ **BLACK AXE #5:** Black Panther quest starts!
- ☐ **CORAN SAGA #78:** Coran: Red Sonja, and lethal vengeance!
- ☐ **DANCES WITH DEMONS #1:** '93 Frontier life!
- ☐ **DEATH'S HEAD #2 #10:** Beginning DHD's origin.
- ☐ **DEATHLOCK #27:** Sleep is going over the edge!
- ☐ **DOCTOR WHO: CLASSIC COMICS #9:** These reprints are like time machines to the past!
- ☐ **DR. STRANGE #57:** Unlucky wants

- ☐ to go to sleep!
- ☐ **FANTASTIC FOUR #380:** Ben Grimm wants Doc Doom dead!
- ☐ **FUEM #3** of 4: The Skids invade Slower Casper!
- ☐ **GHOST RIDER ANNUAL #1:** Introducing Night Train, a vicious vampire!
- ☐ **GHOST RIDER/BLAZE: SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE #14:** Big changes for Blaze!
- ☐ **HELLSTORM #6:** Some girls are more trouble when they're dead!
- ☐ **HOKUM & HEX #1:** A deep cut from Clive Barker's Razorline!
- ☐ **THE INCOMPLETE DEATHS HEAD #9** of 12: DH battles Doctor Who!
- ☐ **THE INFINITY CRUSADE #4** of 6: Silver Surfer is transformed!
- ☐ **IRON MAN #296:** Tony and Rhodey go at it like a couple of Rock'em

- ☐ Sack am Robot!
- ☐ **LAWDOG #6:** He won't roll over for anyone!
- ☐ **MARVEL SPOTLIGHT:** Complete checklist of next month's Marvel!
- ☐ **MARVEL UNIVERSE MASTER EDITION #34:** Thunderstrike starts!
- ☐ **METTER MAN #2** of 6: MM reborn!
- ☐ **MOON KNIGHT #54:** The Shadowed demon revealed!
- ☐ **THE NAM #84:** War is over! This series has been discharged! Move out!
- ☐ **NEW WARRIORS #36:** Super-Nova is gunning for regular Nova!
- ☐ **PUNISHER 2099 #8:** Jake ain't strong, no Fear Master!
- ☐ **PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL #58:** Ghost Rider and Devildevil guest-star!
- ☐ **SILVER SURFER #84:** Surf meets

- ☐ his dead parents!
- ☐ **SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #204:** Ratchet with Tombstone!
- ☐ **WILLIAM SHATNER'S TEKworld #13:** Concluding 'Warfare'!
- ☐ **THOR #460:** Thor battles Dead Infinity Crusade crossover!
- ☐ **JOE KUBERT'S TOR #4** of 4: He's still mighty Tor!
- ☐ **USAAGENT #4** of 4: The final secret of Scourge revealed!
- ☐ **VENOM: FUNERAL PYRE #2** of 3: With Punisher and Phe!
- ☐ **WHAT THEY FALL SPECIAL:** Meet Spider-Ham 2099!
- ☐ **X-FORCE #26:** Cable gets de-regulated!
- ☐ **X-MEN CLASSIC #67:** Colossus and Juggernaut in a barnyard brawl!
- ☐ **X-MEN UNLIMITED #2:** One human can kill Magneto!







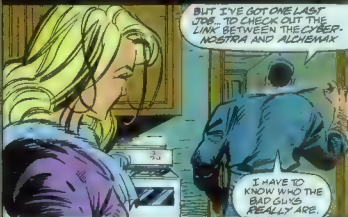
THAT WAS GREAT, JAKE. I GUESS I'M FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU... BUT I STILL FEEL UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE...

WE'LL BOTH RESIGN, KERRY. LEAVE THE PUBLIC EYE. START A NEW LIFE TOGETHER.



AND THE PUNISHER?

THERE'S NO PUNISHER IT'S OVER



BUT I'VE GOT ONE LAST JOB... TO CHECK OUT THE LINK BETWEEN THE CYBER-NOSTRIA AND ALCHEMAX

I HAVE TO KNOW WHO THE BAD GUYS REALLY ARE.

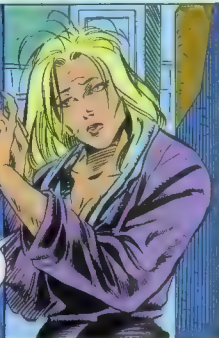


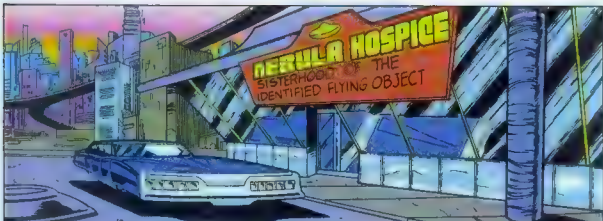
AND IF MORE DESKENS ARE BEING ILLEGALLY PRODUCED BY ALCHEMAX, I HAVE TO GET THEM OUT

I OWE IT TO MATT

OKAY, I UNDERSTAND. I'M NOT PUSHING YOU. DO IT YOUR OWN WAY...

BUT, BE CAREFUL...





I TRUST THERE WILL BE NO MORE ESCAPES LIKE THE MR MUSCLES PROTECT STONE



I DON'T CARE HOW MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SUFFER FOR OUR MUTUAL PROFIT.

BUT YOU'RE SLOPPY, TYLER. AND THAT'S UNFORGIVABLE



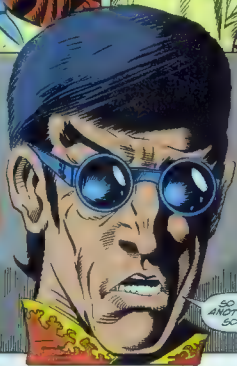
NOT ONLY DID YOU LET THE DEGEN ESCAPE. BUT THERE WAS THE WHOLE SPIDER-MAN FIASCO



HLIH.. HELP ME! MAKE THEM STOP THE TREATMENT! UGH!

YOUR TRACK RECORD ISN'T SO HOT, SPACEMAN. YOU'VE YET TO ELIMINATE THIS PUNISHER WHO'S BEEN KILLING HALF THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY...

INCLUDING MY SON ARON.



SO BUY ANOTHER SON

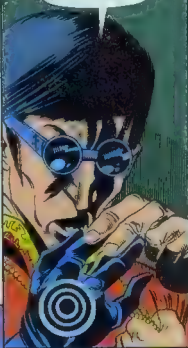
BE CAREFUL KING.

DO I HAVE TO REMIND YOU WE HAVE EQUAL STATUS IN ALCHEMAX? HOWEVER CLOSE YOU MAY BE TO YOUR I.F.O.'S.



PERHAPS, STONE, YOU NEED REMINDING OF MY CONNECTIONS

YOUR NAME MAY BECOME MORE LITERAL THAN YOU WOULD WISH...



TURN ME INTO STONE, HUH. ? LIKE THOSE GIRLS OF YOURS.

YOU'RE PATHETIC!



TRY ANY OF THAT JUNK WITH ME AND I'LL PUSH BACK SO HARD THEY'LL BE SEARCHING THE RUBBLE FOR YOUR REMAINS.

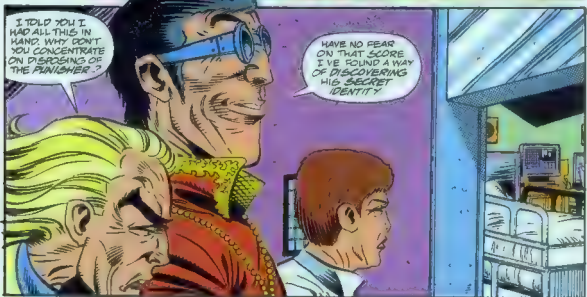
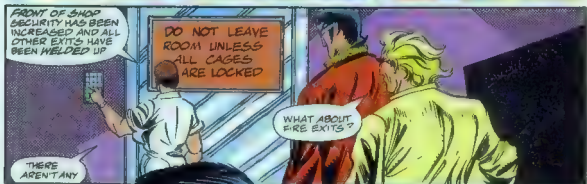
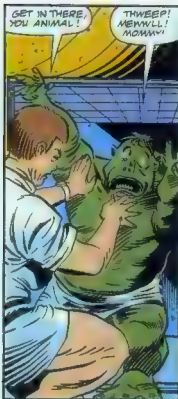


ER--ENOUGH OF THIS SQUABBLING... MATRON MARRIS... I TRUST SECURITY IN THIS ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN TIGHTENED ?



YES, SIR. EXCUSE ME ONE MOMENT







YOU'RE INTRIGUING ME... I HAVE TO ADMIT I HAVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH SPIDER-MAN... WHAT ARE THE DETAILS...?



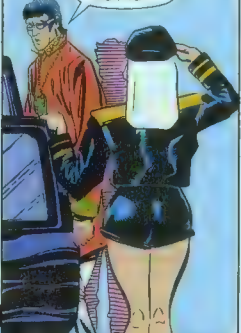
WE NEED TO TALK. DON'T CALL YOUR TRANSPORT... LET'S USE MY CAR... MY CHAUFFEUR IS WAITING

MY SOURCES TELL ME A MS. KERRY DOWENN... A PARA-PSYCH AT THE PUBLIC EYE... HAD A FILE ON THE PUNISHER...

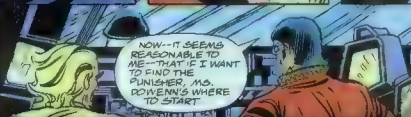


...AND HINTED TO HER COLLEAGUES SHE KNEW WHO HE WAS

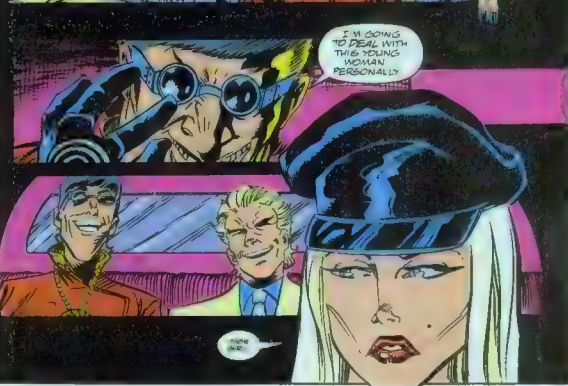
THEN--FOR NO GOOD REASON-- SHE WENT IN ONE DAY AND WIPED THE FILE



NOW--IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO ME--THAT IF I WANT TO FIND THE PUNISHER, MS. DOWENN'S WHERE TO START



I'M GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS YOUNG WOMAN PERSONALLY





JAKE I WANT YOU TO DO THIS ONE FOR ME ..

I KNOW THERE ARE DEGENS BEING EXPERIMENTED ON IN THE NEBULA HOSPICE

YOU'D BETTER BE SURE ABOUT THIS, MATT. I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE ABOUT SMASHING MY WAY INTO A HOSPICE FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL.

WELL...COMPUTER RECORDS SHOW NO ADMITTANCES SINCE IT OPENED

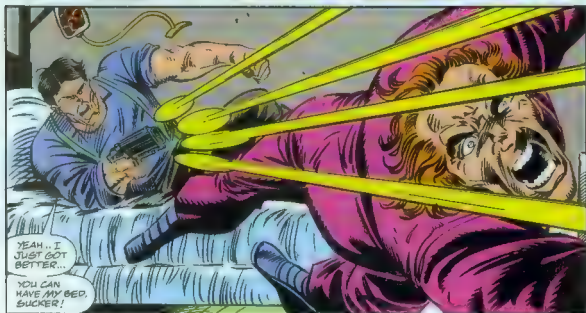
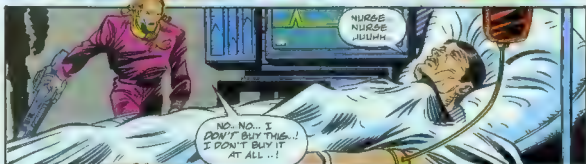
BUT FRIENDS OF MR. MUSCLE'S SAID THIS WAS WHERE HE WAS TAKEN WHEN HE GOT SICK

WHO OWNED MR. MUSCLE'S? ALCHEMAX. WHO RUNS THIS PLACE? ALCHEMAX

WHO MAKES ENERGIDE...? ALCHEMAX. FIGURE IT OUT, JAKE

I GOT IT FIGURED









GEO-SPATIAL  
CO-ORDINATES  
FIXED...SIX  
TARGETS  
LOCKED...  
LASER FIRING  
SEQUENCE  
COMMENCE...



ZONE CLEARED...  
FIVE METERS...  
SYSTEM ON  
STAND-BY...SIX  
TARGETS HIT.

SECURITY DOOR...  
I'LL NEED A FEW  
MINUTES TO DO  
AN ELECTRO  
OVER-RIDE AND  
FIND THE ENTRY  
SEQUENCE...

WAIT, MATT!  
MAYBE  
THERE'S  
ANOTHER  
WAY...





THIS IS THE LAST  
TIME, KERRY...THE  
FINAL MISSION...

I'M  
COMING  
HOME...

I'VE FOUND  
SOMETHING  
BETTER TO  
DO AT NIGHTS...

YOU'RE  
ALL THAT  
MATTERS  
NOW.



NEXT ISSUE:  
**REQUIEM**



# TARGET PRACTICE

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All letters for publication must include your name and address, although we will gladly withhold that info upon request.

## Out Of My Head

All right, I've had it! I'm tired of entering a bookstore with bucks in my back pocket, looking at the science fiction rack, and leaving empty-handed! From now on, here are **THE RULES**...

1) You guys with your elves and magic jewels and trolls and singing swords, get out of the science fiction section! Go start your own!

2) Especially get out of the section with these books with elves and magic jewels and trolls and singing swords on starships!

3) If you're a big, fat, dead cod leader, stop writing books! You're dead!  
**THE RULES** will be enforced!

Dear Pat and Tony,

A few months ago I would have put PUNISHER on the bottom rung of the 2099 ladder. This is not criticism, just personal preference. Then you guys pulled a fast one. Real fast.

Issue #5 was as exciting as a Spielberg movie and #6 even more so. The kinetic accumulator is one of the most imaginative gimmicks I've come across in English (not just comics, but books too). Jake Gallows' face scambler is second in originality and effectiveness only to Mr. Kent's glasses.

On the sky's limit, your typewriters are on cloud nine. Keep it up.

Steve Perram  
2920 Meridian St.  
Bellingham, WA 98225

A Spielberg movie, huh? You may have something there. How about *Jurassic Park 2099*? *Hook 2099*? *1941 2099*?

Dear Target Practice,

PUNISHER 2099 is by far one of the best comic series ever! I love the artwork Jake Gallows looks so real in his facial expressions and his outfit doesn't look like it was just painted on. The storyline so far is excellent! I love the way Jake has his face scambler and the invisibility of his bike. The high-tech equipment is neat, especially Jake's chair that disintegrates people. His underground prison was another great idea! It's kind of sad though that the future has no punishment for crime. But thanks to the Punisher that should change!

I notice that there aren't many letters from female readers in most comics, especially PUNISHER 2099. Guys may think that we wouldn't like all of the violence, but I love it! I get a personal high every time I see the Punisher bash in bad guys' skulls with his really cool variable density bat!

Is Jake going to have an arch-enemy coming up soon? Will you reveal more on how the original Punisher died?

Is there any chance of Jake having a relationship with a woman? I think a girlfriend would calm his nerves. Maybe a counterpart—a punisherette!

I can't wait for next issue. All I can say is keep up the awesome work! Later!

Heather Galuzzi  
10024 Pindle Rd.  
Apple Valley, CA 92307

Heather, between Fearmaster, Multi-Fractor, Mr. Blither, the Cyber-Nostra, the Ninja Nostra and the Public Eye, doesn't Jake have his hands full? We don't think so either. Wait for the premiere of *Jigsaw 2099*!

As for Jake getting a girlfriend, how do you like Kerry?

Dear Joey and Matt,

Being the Punisher fan that I am, I checked out PUNISHER 2099. I'm happy to say that after five issues, I enjoy the new version just as much as the original.

I enjoy the way you show futuristic equipment as classics for 2099. My personal favorites are the .54 magnum and the molecular disintegrator. Jake Gallows combines the past and present by using the classic .54 magnum along with the power bat and other futuristic gear.

There are a number of things which concern me though.

1) Does the Injury Gallows received (Issue #1, page 20—microwaves to the kneecaps) affect him at all, or is that the reason he wears the knee pads?

2) How does he feel about Thorites converting to Spiderism (as seen in SPIDER-MAN 2099 #9), being the Thorite he is?

3) Is Matt Jake Gallows' version of Frank Castle's Microchip?

And how about a crossover? Since Jake read Castle's War Journal (another excellent idea), he knows about the original Spider-Man. Maybe they could confront each other and it could be called, "Together again for the first time." Catchy, huh?

Also, Gallows should know about Dr. Doom, so will he be knocking on Doom's door? While we're at it, why not have the Punisher catch a news flash about Ravage on the tube?

Until I get some mutant powers of my own, make mine Marvel!

Robert Andrews  
2225 Navarre Rd. SW  
Canton, OH 44706

You already have a mutant power, Rob—an active mind! Hope these answers satisfy it.

1) Jake fully recovered from the injuries he suffered at the hands of Kron Stone in Issue #1. The knee pads are for protection.

2) Not sure yet.

3) Sort of.

All the 2099 characters will meet in our crossover, "The Fall of the Hammer," even including the new X-MEN 2099! See everybody team up this December!

Dear Target Practice,

I love your comic! It's the best. A few requests:

- 1) Kill the Fearmaster.
  - 2) Make Spider-Man 2099 guest-star.
  - 3) Make Frank Castle somehow guest star.
  - 4) Make Thor guest star.
- Till the Punisher needs a self-defense class, make mine Marvel.

Brian Mitchell  
(Address withheld by request)

You make it all sound so easy, Brian! We'll definitely be doing more stuff with the Thorites, especially in the big crossover, but as for the rest...

## MORE OF MARVEL 2099

**SPIDER-MAN 2099 #12** We've had a lot of reader requests to see more of the "Virtual Unreality Department" of Alchemax...now, you get to see it in all its glory...and the coming of...the Prophet!

**RAVAGE 2099 #10** At last! The fearsome face of Ravage revealed in "Rebirth of the Beast" Plus, Barrio Man from PUNISHER 2099 makes a guest appearance!

**DOOM 2099 #9** Jack the Ripper! Frankenstein's Monster! The villains of the past meet the ultimate villain of the future!

**2099 UNLIMITED #2** You asked for the return of HULK 2099! Garry Jones, Dwayne Turner and Kyle Baker were glad to oblige!

## NEXT ISSUE

The Fearmaster returns...crueler than ever, as "Love and Bullets" continues!

